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Air Resources Board

Testimony of Fran Inman of Majestic Realty Co.

Long Beach Chamber

- My name is the Fran Inman, Sr. Vice President and Board Member of Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a trustee for the current and future welfare of the region and champion's economic prosperity and quality of life.
- With the world's most diverse economy and Los Angeles' proximity to strategic trading partners in Asia and Central America, our region's future is directly tied to international trade opportunities. Other countries want our airplanes and our produce, and we want their electronics and apparel. We cannot let this opportunity pass us by.
- In fact, according to the SCAG, over 1 million jobs will be created in Southern California between 2005-2030 from the goods movement industry
- The State of California needs to make smart, balanced, and bold decisions that will serve the greater good of the region and the state. It is imperative that we move containers as safely and as efficiently as possible from our ports to distribution centers throughout Southern California
- For Federally regulated sources, voluntary agreements, such as the Rail MOU, are the most efficient method of obtaining reductions without encountering delays related to the State's legal authority
- The MOU is innovative—
 - It achieves a 20% reduction in PM around rail yards over the next three years—this is faster than any other regulatory agency in California could have achieved them.

- Also-- the railroads recently announced plans to acquire 70 new low-emission switch locomotives for operation in the Los Angeles Basin over the next two years. As I understand it, this represents 50% of the low HP units currently in use in the basin and in combination with local other locomotive emission strategies already in place provide over a 90% reduction in NOx and diesel PM emissions compared to the units already in place.
- The termination clause is essential to ensure consistent statewide regulation and to avoid a patchwork of regulations. The clarifications of the release clause as presented in the staff report are precise and provide certainty to the stakeholders regarding the implementation of the MOU.
- Also, seeing as rail is the most efficient method of transporting goods over land, and given the information in the staff's six month report that identifies the railroads tremendous progress and investment in clean air around the state, the Los Angeles Chamber strongly supports the CARB/Rail MOU.
- For all of the above reasons, the Los Angeles Chamber supports this agreement and urges you to continue implementing the MOU and leave it in place for the benefit of communities in Los Angeles and across the state.